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- 37. (Amended) The method of claim 36, further comprising removing, with the recovery tool, the sample from the capillary containing the sample.
- 38. A recovery apparatus for a sample screening system, wherein the system includes a plurality of capillaries formed into an array, the apparatus comprising: a recovery tool adapted to contact at least one capillary of the capillary array and recover a sample therefrom;

an ejector, connected with the recovery tool, for ejecting the recovered sample from the recovery tool.

- 39. (Amended) The recovery apparatus of claim 38, wherein the recovery tool includes a needle connected with a collection container.
- 40. (Amended) The recovery apparatus of claim 38, wherein the recovery tool includes an aspirator for recovering the sample.
- 41. (Amended) The recovery apparatus of claim 38, wherein the ejector includes a jet mechanism adapted to expel the recovered sample.
- 42. (Amended) The recovery apparatus of claim 41, wherein the jet mechanism is operable by thermal energy applied thereto.
- 43. The recovery apparatus of claim 41, further comprising a heating element connected to the jet mechanism.